

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-21 (canceled)

22. (currently amended) A lollipop product having a center layer of a semi-liquid material, an intermediate layer of a gum material and an outer layer of a hard candy material,

wherein:

said outer layer of said hard candy material includes regions of reduced thickness having thicknesses less than other regions of said outer layer;

said intermediate layer of said gum material being disposed adjacent said regions of reduced thickness; and

said semi-liquid material includes pectin in an amount of about 1.0 to 1.3% by weight of said lollipop product, said amount being sufficient to prevent said semi-liquid material from migrating out of said lollipop product at said regions of reduced thickness through said intermediate layer.

23. (original) The product as recited in claims 22 wherein said liquid material includes Pectin as one of its ingredients.

24. (previously presented) The product as recited in claim 22 wherein said product is made by a process including the steps of extruding said gum material from an extruder, injecting said liquid material into said extruded gum material, coating said semi-liquid-filled gum material with a candy material, and forming said candy coated semi-liquid-filled gum material into a lollipop product.

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25. (new) The product as recited in claim 22 further comprising a lollipop stick spaced from said center layer, said lollipop stick extending from said intermediate layer and through said outer layer.